



MISSION:

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

HISTORY:

Founded in 1972

PARTICIPANTS (as of 2023 Census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	69,453
Coaches:	15,521
Competitions:	213
Volunteers:	45,225

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Games, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

24 SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cheerleading	Corn Hole/Toss	Cycling
Equestrian	Figure Skating	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Gymnastics, Artistic	Gymnastics, Rhythmic	Powerlifting
Snowboarding	Softball	Stand-Up Paddleboard	Surfing
Swimming	Tennis	Triathlon	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Young Athletes, Little ELITES, Motor Activity Training Program, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, and Law Enforcement Torch Run

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